

**PATENT**  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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OKAMOTO et al.

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, line 12, after "of" insert --an--;

after "as" insert --a--;

line 17, change ~~"13446/1980"~~ to --Sho. 55-13446--;

line 24, change "a reflected light" to --light reflected--;

line 26, delete "established to be",

Page 2, line 1, after "fingerprint" insert --,--;

line 2, change "a reflected light" to --light reflected--;

lines 12-13, delete "arranged to be";